proposed to be supplied to Tripura State Electricity Board.

Setting up windmills and solar pumps in various States

705. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether different States have submitted schemes during the last three years for setting up of windmills and installation of solar pumps with a view to conserving the sources of energy by diversifying to non-conventional sources of energy;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme indicating their costs and the extent of reduction in pressure on conventional sources of energy like hydro-electric and thermal power and petroleum sought to be effected thereby; and

(c) what central aid has been sought by the State Governments for these schemes and what is the Central Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Under a Centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources, based upon requests received, central assistance as 50% share of subsidy for installation of solar photo voltaic pumps and wind mills was released to the following States during 1982—83 to 1984—85:

	Total Amount released (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Gujarat	5·00
2. Karnataka	4·74
3. Madhya Pradesh	1·44
4. Orissa	2·63
5. Tripura	1·97
6. Uttar Pradesh	6·231

Further, under the demonstration programme of the Department of Non Conventional Energy Sources being implemented in different States over 300 solar photovoltaic pumps and 1,300 wind mills have so far been supplied. This programme has been implemented mainly as an initiative of the Central Government.

Solar photovoltaic pumps and wind mills serve as useful devices for pumping water for micro irrigation and drinking water supply, and in certain areas they already compare favourably with diesel or electric pumpsets.

Overseas communication service

706. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: DR.LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the O. C. S. into a Government owned company; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to convert Overseas Communications Service into a Public Limited Company, wholly owned by the Government of India. The Company will have its registered office in Bombay. It is proposed to set up the Company by 1-4-1986.

Pulse code modulation equipment

707. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 30 channel digital Pulse Code Modulation (PCM) equipment for use in the telecom network had been developed by the Telecommunication Research Centre;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for its production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 30 channelled digital PCM equipment developed by TRC uses modern technology and employees per channel codec chip. The equipment will form primary building block for the digitalisation programme of the department. The equipment will also considerably augment the junction capacity of the cables between two exchanges and will save the country considerable sums of foreign exchange.

(c) Steps have been taken for the productionisation of this equipment in ITI Bangalore, ITI Naini, Gujarat Communications and Electronics Ltd. (GCEL), Kerala Electronics Ltd. KELTRON) Punjab Communications Ltd., and Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., (ECIL) and BEL (Bharat Electronics Ltd). Production is to commence during 1986-87 itself.

Demand for new telephone connections

708. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand of new telephone connections in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the demand in this regard from Maharashtra State; and

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The total demand of new telephone connections in the country as on 31-12-1985 is 10,00,095. Details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The demand in Maharashtra State as on 31-12-1985 is 2,69,194.

(c) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during next 7 years subject to the availability of adequate resources.

Annexure

S. No.	Telecom. Circle; serving State including Telephone Districts	Total demand of New telephone connections as on 31-12-85
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh (Including Hyderabad, Viajayawada Telephone Districts)	58,054
2	*Bihar* (Including Patna Telephone District)	8,639
3	*Gujarat* (Including Ahmedabad, Baroda, Rajkot and Surat Telephone Districts. Also serving Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Salvasa)	1,03,156
4	*Jammu and Kashmir*	8,561
5	*Karnataka* (Including Bangalore Telephone District)	47,329
6	*Kerala* (Including Calicut, Ernakulam, Trivandrum Telephone Districts. Also serving Mahe & Lakshdweep)	68,827